Loss suffered by NCCF

996. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Years 1979-80 due to the carelessness of the then Branch Manager (Delhi) with many private parties|contractors N.C.C.F. suffered a loss over Rs. 40 lakhs; and

(b) it so, whether the enquiry against the official responsible for this loss has been completed and if not, by when it is likely to be completed?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) It has been reported by the NCCF that its Delhi branch had suffered a loss of Rs. 55.17 lakhs during 1979-80. The audit report for that years dose not establish that the loss was due to the carelessness of the then Branch Manager Delhi and as such the question of any enquiry dose not arise.

Loss to NCCF

997. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a sum of Rs. 24.09 lakhs is outstanding from West Bengal state Essential Commodities Corporation, Calcutta on account of supplies of rice made by N.C.C.F. from Andhra Pradesh since 1982-83;

(b) whether N.C.C.F. had been incurring loss due to interest at the rate of Rs. 3.71 lakhs per annum on the outstanding amounts from the above corporation; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to recover the above amount and what action has been taken against the then Regional Manager (East), Calcutta due to whose carelessness the Federation has suffered this loss?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) No, sir. The total amount of Rs. 35.02 lakhs stands recovered/adjusted.

(b)and (c) Do not arise.

Welfare schemes for minorities

998. SHRI N.E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have sent any direct communication to the district collectors in the mater of welfare schemes for minorities and their implementations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the State Ministers have protested against sending direct communication to district Collectors; and

(d) if so, Government's recastion thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) and (b) A circular letter intended for the District Magistrates explaining inter alia the various aspects that should be kept in view for effective implementation of the P.M.'s 15-Point Programme for the welfare of the minorities has been sent to Chief Secretaries of the respective State Governments for appropriate action. A copy of the letter is placed at Annexure. (See Appendix CXLVIII Annexure No. 35].

(c) No protest has been received.

(d) Does not arise.

Protest by seed producers and research institutions against new seeds import policy

999. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenous producers and research institutions have protested against the new seeds import policy an.